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HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-

The Texas Cattle Prince.

A paragraph that Mr. King, of Texas, the largest owner of cattle in the world, has lately sent 80,000 cattle to market and that seventy herdsman were required to care for them, has called attention to Mr. King's career, which is a

most remarkable one. The name of this Texas millionaire, says the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer, is Richard King. The river men call him "Mack." He was born in New York, and about the year 1840, came from Pittsburg to the Chattahoochee river as steward on the steamboat Tallapoosa. We are told that in those days, and years after, the average life of steamers on our river was three to four years, and that it was customary for the captains, who resided in the West, to carry their boats to Pittsburg for the summer for repairs, and return in the fall. They received enough freight on the round trip to pay expenses. It was the era of large floating palaces, side-wheelers, now superseded by light draught stern-wheelers. There were no railroads. Everything went to A palachicola, and river men made barrels of money.

Mr. King in the position of steward plied the river several years. One gentleman remembers he was second cook in 1843. Later he went to Tampa, Florida, and in a short time he was engaged in service on Government boats. Returning to Columbus, he became striking pilot under Captains Charlie Brockway and Wingate. Altogether he was on our rivers some seven or eight years in every subordinate positions.

About the middle of 1846 he, with Mr. John Sealey and others, went to Texas, and he became a pilot on the Rio Grande, on the steamer Convette, commanded by Captain Kennedy. Engaging in speculation soon made him a partner. He bought a ranche, and the property increasing year by year, he now counts his stock by the bundreds of thousands and his possessions by millions. He owns a magnificent residence in Western Texas, and miles of the best land in the State. He continues as a steamboat owner.

The poor steward of thirty years ago is among the moneyed princes of the land. Fact is more marvellous than fletion. He has now a large family, and is giving his children the best of educations. Mr. King is very kind, friendly and generous to his friends of the "days of yore." One visited Texas since the war, and he gave him half a fine steamboat, and all he entertains with a hospitable welcome. They still eall him "Mack."

His wealth is estimated from two to seven millions.

He wrote one of his friends since the

war that he had just finished building a fence 40 miles in length, and that it cost num \$1,000 a mile. Those who know say eattle increase in value one-third every year.

Here is a man of brilliant success. When on our river he was not noted for special economy, but had his fun like the "other boys," and spent his money as freely. It is one of those instances where brains and pluck see the opportunity, take advantage of it, roll up their sleeves, go in and win. The opening was Texas, the time the Mexican war, the man found both and found there was millions in it. He partly, though, drifted into enormous luck,

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that the tendon or muscle that extended down the leg, over what is known as the pulley bone, and gave the foot its motion, was often injured, and then the horse would be weak in the legs, and blunder. He severely characterized the habit of burning the hoof with a red hot shoe to make it fit, and said there ought to be a law passed to hang any blacksmith who would use red hot shoes in this way. The shoes should be fitted to the shape of the foot, rather than the foot fitted to the shoe,"



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